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THE NATIONAL ERA.

WASHINGTON, JUNE 29, 1848.

"We again thank our friends for their friendly efforts to extend our cause. Many a one, not satisfied with sending one subscriber, sends half a dozen. How easy to double the list of a newspaper, by a little sensible effort.

MR. VAN BUREN'S LETTER.

We have no room for comment this week upon this extraordinary letter, or the bearings of it upon political movements.

THE DUALITY OF THE OLD PARTIES.

How politicians would rejoice, could some means be devised, during a Presidential canvass, to intercept the transmission of intelligence between the free and slave States! They could then be just as pro-slavery and anti-slavery as the latitude might demand, without any risk. As it is, the speech which helps General Cass in the 45th parallel of north latitude, helps him in the 25th.

We would call the especial attention of Southern Whigs to the concluding sentence of the paragraph quoted above. The Southern interest is paramount in the Whig party, this moment. The *Richmond* (*N.Y.*) *Whig* takes the same half to catch pro-slavery voters for General Taylor. The *Whig* denounces the doctrine of Cass as in conflict with the claims of slavery, and the *Plain-dealer* quotes the denunciations as proof which ought to satisfy any anti-slavery man that the General is just the candidate worthy of his suffrage.

On the other hand, a Whig journal in the North comes out with a laborious申明 to show that General Taylor is more favorable to liberty than the Ex-Senator, forgetting that some worthy Democrat in the South in less than a week will have its argument all set up in starting capitals, to unsetle the confidence of the slaveholders in the "Old Hero." But, as one good turn deserves another, hardly is the ink dry of the article in which General Cass is proved to be perfectly orthodox on the question of slavery, when it is republished in the Whig journals of the North as evidence of his decided heresy.

The game is capital on—Northern Democrats and Southern Whigs whipping each other with arguments against their respective candidates, and Northern Whigs and Southern Democrats encroaching similar favors.

While the Whig of the North thus frustrates with the Democrats of the South, and the Democrats of the West, the Whig of the South, the Southern Whig, and Northern Democrat, against Southern. For, the most forcible reason the Democracy of the South can assign why slaveholders should vote for Cass, is deeply offensive to the Democracy of the North, and the strongest appeal put forth by the Whigocracy of the North to entrap anti-slavery voters is calculated to do Taylor the greatest injury at the South.

Now, does not every man of sense clearly see that the Whig of the North, and the National Friends to the Free Soil, are equally to blame for such proceedings, at their National Conventions as to who are playing what? What a mess!

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The question of slavery is such a question!

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Will the American People any longer tolerate this deliberate ambiguity of candidates for the highest office in their gift, this systematic, shameless duplicity of parties competing for their suffrages? Not any more words as yet, and I say? Let me now, in the extension of my argument, go into the extension of the same, and, although the National Democratic Convention did not formally endorse that, it endorsed him. It did not endorse that compromise doctrine, too little room would then have been left for the elastic policy necessary to be adopted in a canvas. It was expedient to put forth a creed on the subject of slavery, which might mean one thing in Alabama and another thing in Maine. Accordingly, the following resolution was adopted:

"7. That Congress has no power under the Constitution to interfere with or control the domestic institutions of the several States, and that such States are the sole and proper judges of their own institutions, and that all efforts of the Abolitionists or others, made to induce Congress to pass laws for the suppression of slavery, or to take incisive steps in relation thereto, are calculated to lead to the most alarming and dangerous consequences; and that all such efforts have an inevitable tendency to diminish the happiness of the people, and to impair the safety and permanence of the Union, and ought not, as he countenanced by any of our political institutions?"

The language of this resolution, strictly construed, clearly condemns all interference with questions of slavery, whether pertaining to the States, Territories. This is the Southern aspect of the resolution—and it is thus construed by the Democrat of the North; and no man familiar with the wiles of politicians can doubt, that the resolution was worded as it is, precisely for the purpose of this double construction.

As to the opinions of General Cass, they filled two long columns, and were so expressed that it is easy enough to find two facts—one leading to the other, Southwardly.

Search for "the Democrat." Then settled, or finally hoped to settle, the question which could not be postponed, by compromise—a compromise, however, which even the great body of the Democratic party of New York was one-sided, hollow, an utter abandonment of the cause of Free Soil and Free Labor.

But, how did the Whig party manage the perplexing question? Indefinite postponement was

impossible; Compromise was hopeless. They simply ended the question. And, to give the color of freedom to their conduct, and the rivel of all questions of public debate, a fair chance to make the best of their opinions. At St. Petersburgh and at London, instead of attempting a style of argumentation that might offend the slaves, the representatives of aristocratic Government, he was content to appear as he was, the representative of a plain people. Of course, he was the representative of that which was, he thought, as good as gold. He did not and in the stations he had, filled a reason for declining any services that his fellow-citizens or fellow-Christs had to offer him. In the course of his tour of this is earth, he was willing to act as representative of a small fraction of the people, after having been the acknowledged and honored head and leader of the whole nation. He was willing to some persons among us thought he ought not to have allowed himself to be placed in it. But he had his own sense of what constitutes true dignity.

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But, in their case, as is that of the Democrats of the South, secured the whip-hand. In fact, while the party, through its National Convention, evaded the question, the Southern section of it settled it. Slaveholders knew that General Taylor owned some two hundred negroes, was one of them, and one with them; while the anti-slavery section of the party had not the slightest reason to believe that he was opposed to the extension of slavery. But, fortunately, he wrote a reply to the editor of the *Cincinnati Signal*, containing a short sentence approving in general terms of the general view expressed in a long editorial in that paper, wherein, among many other statements, was one vaguely indicating the propriety of leaving to Congress the question of extending to the new Territories the benefits of the Ordinance of 1787. This general approval of the general views of a well-written editorial, hitting at the Wilmett Provision in so vague a manner, that the old General was willing to say to any man, who was not satisfied with sending one subscriber, send half a dozen. How easy to double the list of a newspaper, by a little sensible effort.

Ho! ho! ho! how loud the history—With cophonous-sounding story—And dazled mountain, plain, and sea. With grand illuminations,—Lo! the sun sets like a red fire,
And men sink down like cattle,
Ye've manifested Destiny,
With Anglo-Saxon rites!

Peace is proclaimed! Hurrah! hurrah!
Ho! ho! ho! Yanks nation
Ho! ho! ho! Hurrah! Hurrah! far
Beyond all calculation.

Two hundred million dollars lost—
A bloody page in Hanes' crest,
With bloody men for writers.

Hurrah! hurrah! at least, ye've laid
In dust the Mexico forces—
Orphans and widows have ye made,
And ye've laid the land to waste,
Mexico's partition, too—
Ho! ho! ho! Hurrah! from her lowland!

O, brave republicans are you—
O, bold, O, bold, O, bold!

O, ye who in our public prints—
The Lord for battle's glories—
And ye who swore that Pease disgraced,
And Pease men were but tories!
Lippe, and Lippé, and Lippé!

Let trump and cannon salute;
Till every heart shall palpitate,
And every soul shall sing.

You've conquered Mexico! 'Twas bold!
The war will still cease yearly—
In your hands the sword is cold,
Yea! gained (we thank you) peace now.

Io-trump! Io! Io! Io! Io! Io! Io!

There will be no winter quartered,
There will be no winter dead and dumb,
By ball and fever slaughtered.

Io! Io! Io! Sound the trumpet!

The Mexio war is ended—
Moloch has gulped a heavy lump,
And the world is safe again.

A first-act tragedy, fair sire,

We're had for us enacted!

May God forgive the managers
Who for this play contrived!

THE OREGON BILL.

With the knowledge that the accompanying list proves with the Oregon bill will only restore the relief which should be granted to the people of Oregon, without regaining a single slave from the Territory, the friends of the measure are, however, in a minority in favor of it. What says the *Whig* of the North as to the bearing of the Oregon bill?

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